

House Resolution No. 2345

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Columbia Online Information Network (COIN), which is celebrating its Tenth Anniversary; and

Whereas, COIN is a not-for-profit organization whose primary purpose is to develop and maintain a community information network available to citizens of Boone, Callaway, and Howard counties; and

Whereas, COIN began as a pilot project of the City of Columbia, the Columbia School District, Daniel Boone Regional Library, and the University of Missouri on May 3, 1993, and was joined by the County of Boone shortly thereafter; and

Whereas, COIN holds distinction as the first community information network in the State of Missouri and the first Internet provider for the public, providing free or low-cost Internet access to the citizenry of Boone, Callaway, and Howard counties for the past ten years; and

Whereas, COIN has provided web-hosting for more than 200 not-for-profit organizations and has maintained a valuable website for information about the mid-Missouri area; and

Whereas, COIN's current affiliated organizations include Boone County Extension, Central Methodist College, the City of Columbia, the City of Fayette, the City of Fulton, the City of New Franklin, the County of Boone, Daniel Boone Regional Library, Fayette R-II School District, Howard County R-II School District, and the New Franklin R-I School District; and

Whereas, COIN has also been assisted by institutions hosting its modem pools that include the Centralia School District, Fayette R-III School District, New Bloomfield R-III School District, and Kingdom Telephone Company; and

Whereas, COIN has continually demonstrated the kind of success that can be achieved when governmental bodies, educational institutions, and other organizations cooperate for the common good of all:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with COIN upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Columbia Online Information Network.

Offered by _____
Representative Vicky Riback Wilson
District No. 25

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2345, adopted April 30, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker